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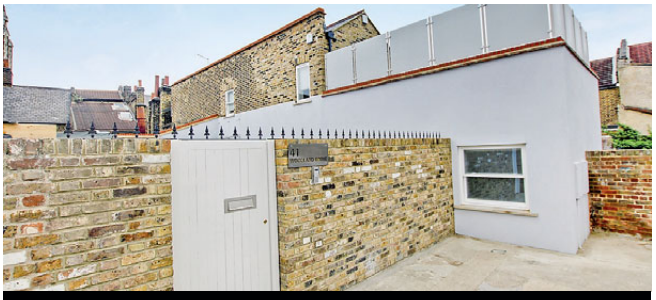

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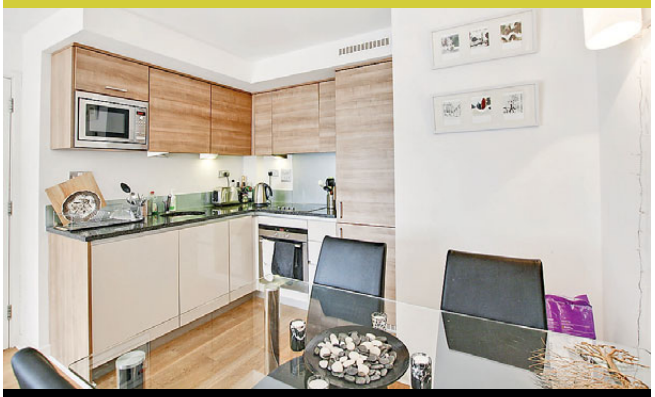

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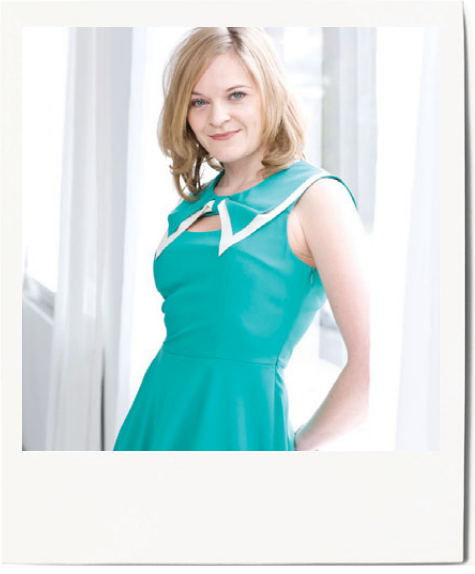

Back to school – three little words that simultaneously evoke despair in students (homework!) and joy in parents (freedom!). Yes, it's that time of year when we have to bid farewell to the long, light, sunny days of summer and prepare ourselves for autumn – the serious season.

'Tis the season to get our heads down, at school, at work, in those extracurricular activities (known as hobbies, I believe, to grown ups), before Christmas rolls around and has us all giddy again. With that in mind, we got ourselves into a studious frame of mind to deliver you 19 pages of education news, features and updates from the area's highly regarded schools and education experts, starting on page 71.

But it's not all serious, no no, because there are still plenty of distractions around this September... First up, we spoke to Mica Paris about her current role in musical theatre. The sensational soul singer, who grew up in Lewisham, is starring in *Love Me Tender*, a musical comedy celebrating the music of Elvis Presley. Catch it at the Churchill Theatre in Bromley in early September (see page 11). Around the same time Sail Royal Greenwich sees a huge fleet of Tall Ships return to our shores, offering us all the chance to hop on board and experience the majesty of these wonderful vessels (page 15). Shortly after that, OnBlackheath returns with more music, feasts and family fun – you might recall our interview with Suggs from Madness in the last issue (if you missed it, read it online at theresident.co.uk). And finally, the Magners Greenwich Comedy Festival with Adam Buxton, Rich Hall, Ed Byrne, Bridget Christie and loads of other funny folk lands on the gorgeous grounds of the National Maritime Museum (page 16). Well, that's the new Filofax full.

Also inside, we chat with Radio 1 DJ Matt Edmondson, who might just be Greenwich's biggest fan. He's so fond of the area that he's even created an art print celebrating all the wonderful pubs in the area! He's pretty enamoured with Hugh Jackman too, find out why on page 8...

Victoria

Victoria Purcell, Editor

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We ask Mica Paris about growing up in Lewisham and her current musical theatre role on page 11

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MAKING WAVES

Radio 1 DJ Matt Edmondson on his love affair with Greenwich and why Hugh Jackman is his favourite guest

Words NIKKI SPENCER

It's not everyday that an interviewee arrives on a scooter – and we are talking a larger version of a kid's scooter rather than the retro Vespa kind – but it suits 29-year-old Radio 1 DJ Matt Edmondson.

'It's the only way to travel,' he declares as he folds his micro-scooter away, adding that he got the idea from the documentary filmmaker Louis Theroux. 'I saw him in the street on a scooter and thought if he can get away with it, so can I. I spent ages annoying my wife Bryony with the suggestion – as a joke – but then last Christmas she bought me one and I love it. I take it on the train from Greenwich and zip around Soho on it, it's fun.'

Matt clearly doesn't take himself too seriously and he's made a career out of getting celebrities to do the same. After a stint as a CBBC presenter he did irreverent red carpet interviews for website Holy Moly! and worked on C4's entertainment strand T4. He got his Radio 1 break covering for Sara Cox when she went on maternity leave and for the past two years he has had his own show every Saturday and Sunday morning where he encourages guests from film, TV and music to join him in mad-cap games and challenges, such as being interviewed while doing 'the plank' and taking part in his popular Surprise Karaoke slot, where they have to perform a rewritten version of a well-known song.

'It's a great way of getting them to lighten up and means that they can't trot out the same pre-scripted stuff,' he explains.

Recently he's interviewed everyone from Jude Law and Melissa McCarthy to Peter Andre and

Photo: BBC/Mark Eilbeck

Greenwich is Matt's 'favourite place'. Below: The presenter's Your Round print

Ella Eyre, but he cites *X-Men* and *Les Misérables* actor Hugh Jackman as his favourite guest.

'I've actually interviewed him twice. Once for T4 and then again for Radio 1. T4 was shot at the Whiteleys shopping centre and most big A-listers came with an entourage, but Hugh Jackman turned up on a Brompton folding bike he had borrowed from the hotel porter. He made his way up the escalators and through the shopping centre on his own. He was so funny and great. When I interviewed him for Radio 1 I thought it would never live up to that but he was brilliant.' Jackman ended up singing *Wolverine – The Musical*, to the tune of *Who Am I* from *Les Misérables*.

Matt may spend a lot of his time with stars but he says that he's 'the least showbizzy man in showbiz' and that you're more likely to find him playing board games at his friends' houses than at celebrity parties.

'I get a lot of invites but it's not really me,' he says, although he did make an exception when he was invited to meet Taylor Swift at her Hyde Park gig this summer. 'I couldn't say no to that and she was lovely.'

Matt grew up in Portsmouth and moved to London with a group of friends when he was 18 years old. They rented a house in Millennium Quay in Greenwich and have all stayed in the area.

'It's my favourite place in the world,' Matt declares enthusiastically. 'It's a bit like a love affair. When I go on holiday I miss Greenwich. I love Royal Teas Cafe and the Richard the First pub and the view from Point Hill is the best,' he says, adding that this is where he proposed to his now wife, Bryony. They got married two years ago at the Queen's House and had their reception at The Trafalgar Tavern. Bryony trained as a ballet dancer but qualified as a personal trainer five years ago ('It's great as there are so many nice spaces like Point Hill, Greenwich Park and Hilly Fields, where she can go train if the weather is good,' says Matt).

Years ago, when he was between TV jobs, Matt had a magic stall in Greenwich Market.

'I used to be a magician when I was a kid and had a job demonstrating and selling magic tricks in a joke shop in Portsmouth, so I decided to do the same thing in Greenwich. For about nine months I was there every Saturday and Sunday and had a great time.'

When he's not working, Matt likes to spend time walking their West Highland Terrier, Oscar, and playing tennis in the park. He also reveals that his home has become a bit of shrine to Greenwich.

'Name any picture of Greenwich and I have probably got it somewhere in the house.'

He has even designed his own print, titled *Your Round*, which is on sale in the Warwick Leadlay Gallery in Greenwich Market.

'About three years ago I came up with the idea of a beer glass with all the names of the pubs in Greenwich and they made it up and now they sell it,' he explains.

When I go on holiday I miss Greenwich. The view from Point Hill is the best

Alongside his presenting work, Matt says he's 'always got a project on the go'. He is writing a children's magic book for Macmillan which he says 'will be like *The Jolly Postman* with tricks that can be pulled out and performed as part of the story'. He's also created a rhyming based celebrity board game called Obama Llama which will be available this Christmas.

'My wife can't bear it', Matt confides, 'I can't stop having ideas', he says as he gets back on his scooter and speeds away…

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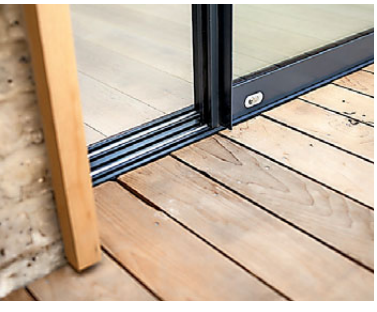

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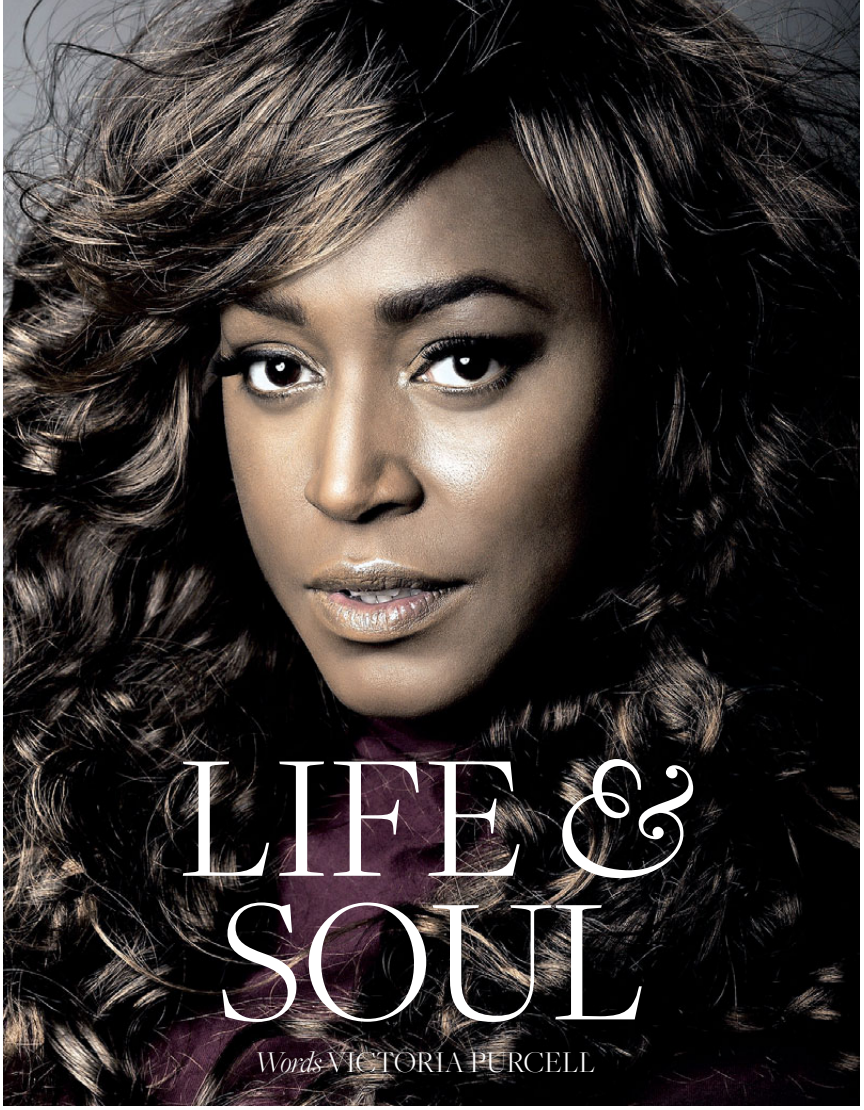

LIFE & SOUL

Words VICTORIA PURCELL

Mica Paris went from a gospel choir to top of the pops, and now she's taking on Elvis...

Mica Paris took the UK by storm in 1988 when her debut single, *My One Temptation* – from her platinum-selling first album, *So Good* – hit the Top 10. The soul singer, presenter and author, who grew up in Lewisham, is currently treading the boards in the hit musical *Love Me Tender*, which celebrates the music of Elvis Presley. We caught 10 minutes with Mica backstage...

What was Lewisham like back in the day?
Lewisham was great. I was born in Islington then we moved when I was about nine. My grandparents bought this beautiful big Victorian house on Aspinall Road. At that time Lewisham was a very conservative area and we had Haberdashers' Aske's just round the corner, a very good grammar school. Everything was proper, you did the right thing, it was very posh.

The singing is always number one, that's who I am. The other things are like adventures

How did you discover that voice?
When I was three I used to sing the *Rupert the Bear* theme song, it was my favourite show, and my grandmother started telling everyone that I had a voice, so they started putting me in church to sing (my grandparents were ministers, so I had a hardcore Christian upbringing, Pentecostal, very much like The Blues Brothers, with the sprit and the music!). I got discovered when I was 14, singing at the New Testament Church of God on Lee High Road, then I got signed to Island Records at 17 and it all kicked off.

How did you go from gospel choir to platinum-selling artist?
I started doing backing vocals for Shakatak, who were really big at the time, and Hollywood Beyond, who had a number one record just after I joined them. Then I started making my own demos and one minute we were visiting all these record companies, then the next minute I was signed to Island Records. It was fast. Island Records back then was a great place to be. It was Bono, Bob Marley was on the wall, Grace Jones would be walking through the lobby... I just thought, this is right, I need to be here. They all believed in me and they gave it everything they had.

What do you enjoy most about playing Sylvia in Love Me Tender?
When I read the part of Sylvia I just thought, she's me, with an American accent. She's feisty. And the story is great; it's a comedy, loosely based on [Shakespeare's] *Twelfth Night* and set in the 50s, which was a great time, the fashion back then was incredible – women were women and the guys all looked like James Dean. But there were also these other things going on, there was segregation in the Midwest, but it's a light-heated take on those issues, it's hilarious. On top of all of that you've got all these Elvis songs. It's brilliant.

What's your favourite track to perform?
There's Always Me. I'd never heard that song before. My mother was obsessed with Elvis and as far as she's concerned I've only started my career now because I'm doing this show – thanks mum! She adores it. It's a fantastic song and I get to belt it out every night. It's amazing.

If you had to choose between music, theatre or presenting, what would it be?
Music. The singing is always number one, that's who I am. All these other things are like adventures. I like to try different things, it's fun. But when I go off and do them and then come back to music it's like, 'ahhh', it's great.

Love Me Tender runs from 31 August until 5 September at the Churchill Theatre, Bromley. atgtickets.com; lovemetendermusical.com

Mica as Sylvia with Shaun Williamson as Jim in Love Me Tender

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2 THE STATION HOTEL

One of the prettiest pubs in the area, The Station Hotel combines style, good food and family friendliness. Huge red pendant lights, palms and comfy seating create a relaxed setting, and the stage, tucked around the corner from the restaurant, hosts live music come the weekend. The beer garden out back is big enough for both families and friend groups alike.

14 Staplehurst Road, Hither Green SE13 5NB; 020 8463 0367

3 PRINCESS OF WALES

The snug corner at The Princess of Wales is much snugger since the pub's recent makeover. Arrive early enough to stake your claim on the red, regal-looking high-backed armchairs by the fireplace and recline away the afternoon, or head for the set of sofas at the end of the main bar. If you're not quick enough to bag those on a busy weekend, there are plenty of booths to cosy up in with friends.

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4 RAVENSBOURNE ARMS

This 'friendly, old fashioned boozer' has plenty of homely touches to help you relax – dressers stacked with knick-knacks, books and fairy lights, floor lamps with chintzy lampshades, and a snug corner with leather sofas and pretty feature wallpaper to keep you cosy as you slouch about the place. So linger a little and work your way through the guest cask ales, ciders and craft beer pumps.

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5 COOPERAGE

The Cooperage is about the most atmospheric bar we've come across south of the river. Located in the basement Victorian wine cellar of Davy's Wine Vaults Bar in Greenwich, it has a real speakeasy feel to it, with exposed brick walls and that air of underground mustiness that makes you feel like you've uncovered a secret crypt. Cosy up in the comfy armchairs and enjoy the feeling of being transported back in time.

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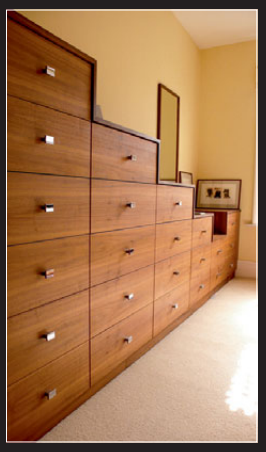

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For further details see sailroyalgreenwich.co.uk

Photo magic
Searing hot loops of plasma radiating from the edge of the Sun; star trails illuminating the night sky over a camper-lit Green Lake in the Hoover Wilderness of California; Comet Lovejoy sailing through the solar system in a green haze… The Insight Astronomy Photographer of the Year 2015, run by the Royal Observatory Greenwich, looks to be the most keenly contested yet. The awards are announced on Thursday 17 September, with an exhibition of the winning images opening on Friday 18 September. See rmg.co.uk

The Night the Sky Exploded, by Kris Williams

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Quay House, Peckham

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Jazz at the Crypt

MOODY BLUES

Jazz at the Crypt at St Giles Church in Camberwell returns from its summer break in September with four mesmerising acts – see the Cameron Pierre Trio on Friday 4 September; Alex Merritt and the Steve Fishwick Quintet on the 11th, Oriole on the 18th and Kate Williams on the 25th. See jazzlive.co.uk

Models posing in Christian Dior

Golden opportunity

The London Art Studies, a collection of inspiring, short and educational art courses and lectures, are exploring haute couture for the first time on 17 September at the Bulgari Hotel, Knightsbridge. Discovering some of the most momentous and celebrated collections in fashion history, this lecture looks into the era regarded as the 'Golden Age'.
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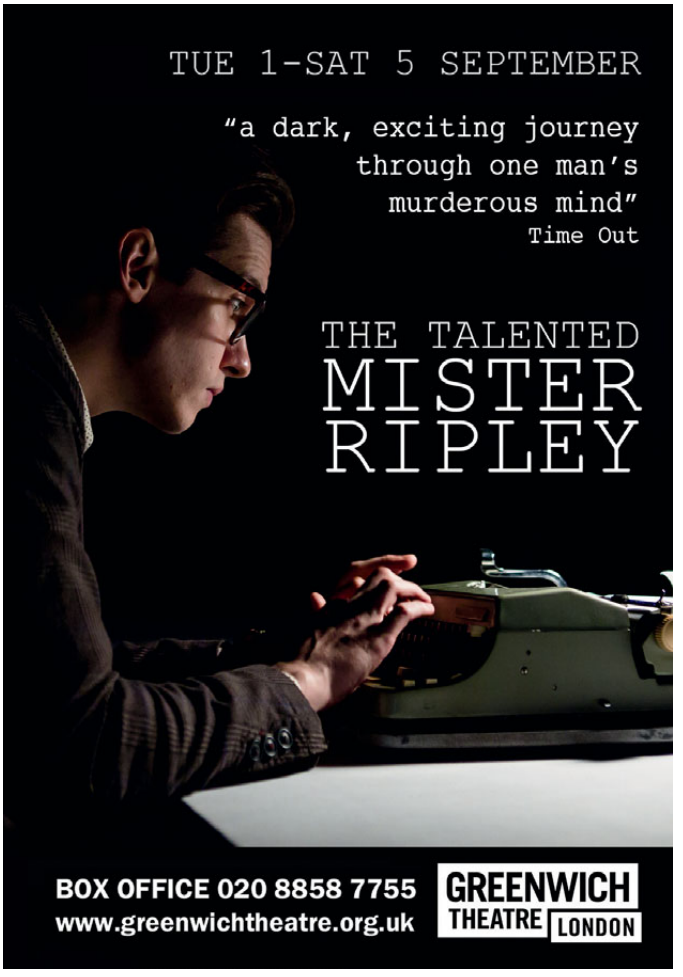
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Why autumn's trends are sofa, so good

You've had a long, hard day at work. You get home, kick the shoes off, and sink into the most majestic of sofas. Well, that's if you've chosen yours correctly... If not, Kara O'Reilly shows you how on page 40. Also inside we peek inside the homes of a south London interior design duo (page 22) and examine the season's six key new interior trends (page 30).

A TALE *of two homes*

Take a peek inside the stylish south London homes of interior design duo Lily Mollgaard and Jane Newbery

Words KAREN JENSEN-JONES

Lily's home is big on natural light, space and contemporary design

LILY'S HOME

What I'm interested in is finding unique pieces, rather than mass produced items

Peckham resident and accomplished theatre designer Lily Mollgaard is a regular customer at Jane Newbery's stylish homeware shop in Dulwich Village, where she sources many of the finishing touches for her clients' homes. And it was here that Lily and Jane – two talented local designers, hit upon the idea of offering a new interior design service with a difference.

'I've been involved in the theatre for over 20 years,' says Lily, 'working at the Almeida in the 1990s with many of the most talented designers, sourcing props and dressing sets in a variety of periods and styles. When I moved into interior design, Jane helped me find lamps and cushions and all sorts of interesting pieces. We have very similar taste and appreciate good design and she's clever at spotting the latest trends, like the

Left: Lily loves to hunt out unique pieces. Right: Lily's garden is a lush, green oasis

recent craze for deckchairs from Garden Trading and trendy Fatboy beanbags.

'What I love about my job is helping people find the things they're looking for. Jane and I got to know each other through our work and when she suggested we collaborate in an interiors business together, I didn't hesitate to say yes.'

The designers' beautiful homes reflect their work, both showing off their individual taste and passion for good design. Lily's home, a double-fronted Georgian gem, boasts quirky pieces like a 1970s French lamp from Ed Butcher Antiques, a Rachel Dein Tactile Studio plaster-casting print and an unusual Rolls Royce cabinet from Vintage Unit, cleverly recycled as a sideboard.

'I work in a creative environment and that often means anything goes!' says Lily. 'Equally, it's incredibly important to me that what I buy is quality, like the sunburst mirror in the sitting room from William Yeoward and the beautiful cushions from Jane's shop. I'm also a keen recycler and the embroidered duvet cover in the main bedroom is just a piece of fabric I particularly liked.

'What I'm interested in is finding unique pieces, rather than mass-produced items,' says Lily. 'I have many suppliers and there isn't anything I haven't been able to find in my 20 years in the job. Working at Shakespeare's Globe there was a constant demand for 16th century period props and they had to be authentic. I was fortunate through my theatre work to be asked to work on the interiors of the Donmar Warehouse's new office, rehearsal space and luxury flat in Covent Garden, where I sourced everything from towel rail holders for the loos to lampshades made from Colombian egg boxes.'

Lily brings with her a wealth of contacts from the world of theatre: 'I met Camberwell-based designer David Harris when I worked on *Miss Saigon* and he showed me a beautiful bespoke kitchen that he'd made to order. Everything he does is unique. Local furniture makers Heron & Driver and Lordship Lane Carpets are on my list of recommendations for clients too.'

Refreshing or refurbishing your home doesn't have to be expensive, and that's where Lily and Jane can help with their combined experience and talents.

'You often hear people saying that home improvements always go over budget and over time, but in the theatre, I wouldn't have that luxury,' explains Lily. 'I have to finish a job on time because opening night can't wait.' ›

Lily Mollgaard (left) and Jane Newbery (right)

Vibrant cushions add a chic splash of colour to Jane's elegant sitting room

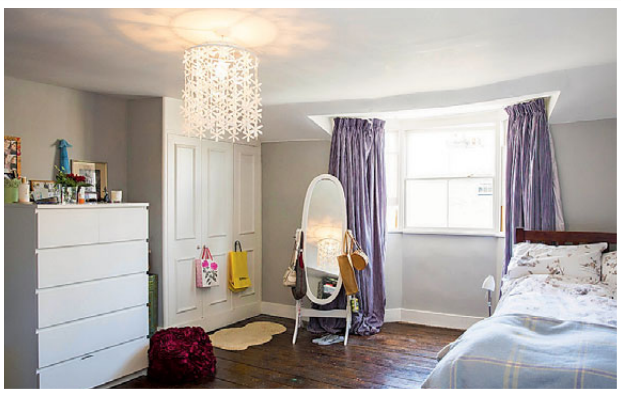
JANE'S HOME

I love art and colour and light and I think this is reflected in my style

Jane's period house is an eclectic mix of old and new: 'I love art and colour and light and I think this is reflected in my style and choice of interior,' she says. 'The beautiful Georgian windows have a huge impact on the overall effect.'

The sitting room is elegant – a Fatboy beanbag slouches against a beautiful antique dresser and a modern sofa has been re-upholstered in Osborne & Little velvet, showing how the combination of periods can add depth. Contemporary art work by Julie Cummins and Terry Ryan fills the walls and the vibrant orange cushions from Graduate Design add a chic splash of colour.

Jane's Dulwich Village boutique, with her eclectic and humourous mix of home accessories, gifts and artwork, is a popular destination for discerning shoppers with many craft-led products made locally. Her passion for supporting British merchandise, all carefully chosen by Jane herself, is evident throughout the shop with handmade embroidered accessories by Lisa Vaughan Thomas, artwork and stationery by Jen Rowland and lamps by Anna Jacobs.



Jane combines contemporary and period pieces to add depth and interest

'Since the shop opened in 2010, I've noticed more and more customers asking me for advice and help with home decoration,' explains Jane. 'I've suggested interior designers to them but many people don't want a full-on design service, they're looking for advice on fabrics and colours and where to find quality pieces of furniture and accessories. They often want to refresh their homes with key pieces like curtains and blinds and they trust me because they've got to know me through my shop. I have a strong instinct when it comes to colour and I'm not afraid to try things and suggest something unusual, but always with the client's brief in mind.'

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Deirdre Dyson Carpet Gallery, 554 King's Road SW6 2DZ; deirdredyson.com

Mini Trend: Drinks Trolleys

The return to glamour has brought about the resurgence of the cocktail cart

Luxe drinks trolley, £350, oliverbonas.com

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Cheval bar cart, £1,950, uk.jonathanadler.com

PSSST: Yes, it's that time of year again when a myriad of exciting events take place all over the capital as part of London Design Festival. Look to visit Design Junction and 100% Design, plus events at the seven official design districts. 19-27 September; londondesignfestival.com

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FALL FAVOURITES

Update your home with one of this season's key new trends

Story KARA O'REILLY

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Tank low ball glass, £45 for pair, tomdixon.net

Terina shelving unit, £730, outthereinteriors.com

Labirinto glass table, from £690, natuzzi.com

Rutledge sofa, £3,250; Scalinatella cocktail table, £1,950; other items from a selection, all uk.jonathanadler.com

GLAM 70s

High-end 1970s interior design is having a long overdue re-appreciation: think gilt and glamour with a witty nod to disco

Mumo Paulista cushion, £55, dosouthshop.com

Green marble box, £60, johnlewis.com

Stanley armchair by Abigail Ahern, £610, sofa.com

'Going for 70s-style glamour? Then the words low, loungey, and louche should inform your decorating decisions.' Jonathan Adler

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Dragon Flower cushion, from £100, sukicheema.com

Oola Moroccan photo frame, £10, JOY, 9 Nelson Road, Greenwich SE10 9JB; joythestore.com

Monochrome Blossom soap dispenser, £16.95, rigbyandmac.com

WORLDWIDE APPEAL

Interiors' on-going love affair with the global design village shows no sign of abating any time soon. This look is about mixing up patterns and shapes, from a world of influences

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'Global design inspiration has created a collection that is rich in colour, pattern and texture.' Stephanie Chen, Director, Home, Marks & Spencer

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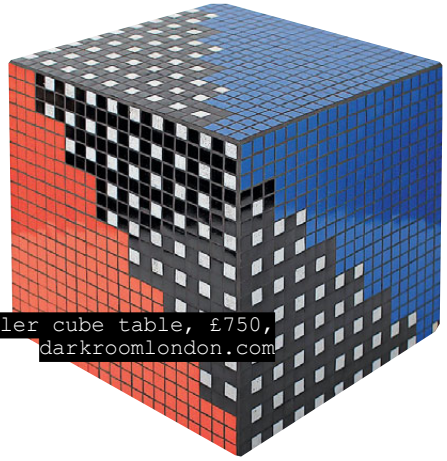

Tiler cube table, £750, darkroomlondon.com

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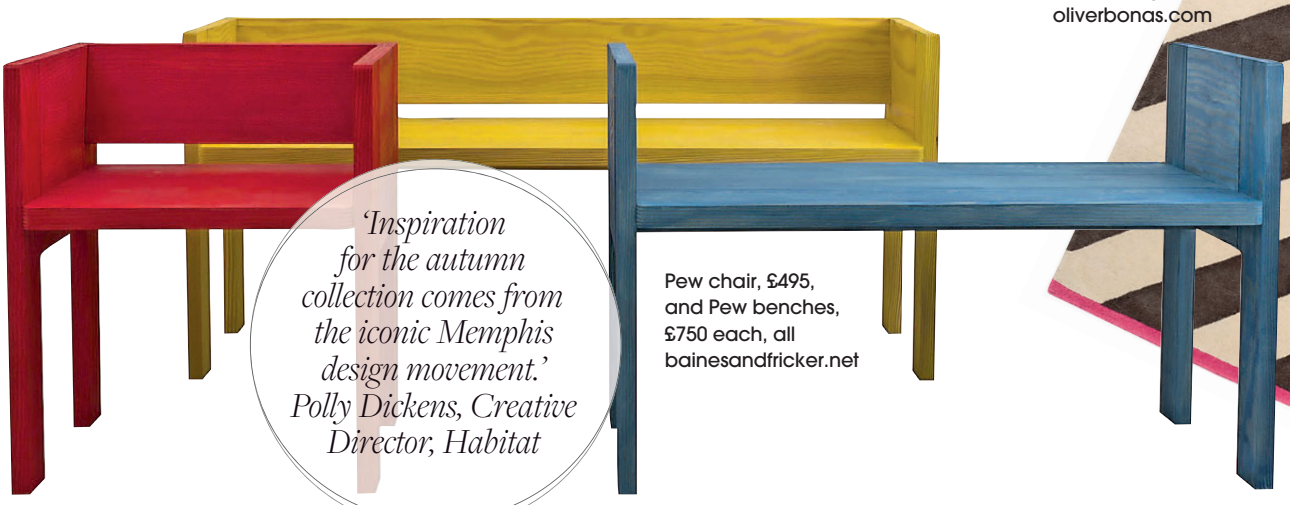

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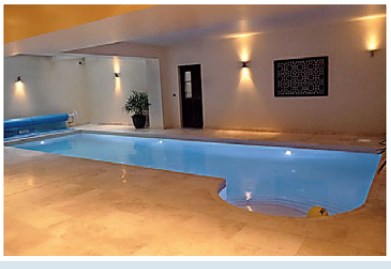

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Butterfly pendant in walnut, £365, tomraffield.com

Andalucia serving bowl, £18, habitat.co.uk

Strath lambswool cushion, £95, johnstonscashmere.com

RUSTIC TEXTURES

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Speckle jug, £14, murmur.co.uk

Weave vase, £18, george.com

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Samba Lambswool throws, £69.95 each, rigbyandmac.com

Barra small sofa in Melron Herringbone, £1,299, marksandspencer.com

SITTING PRETTY

Snug seating is an essential element of every home, so if you are after ideas and inspiration take a look at these key pieces from the new season's collections

Story KARA O'REILLY

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Aspen sofa, from £1,595, contentbyterenceconran.com

Grown-up glamour

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Where there's a will...

Is a will set in stone? Rosalind Webster of Dodd Lewis Solicitors investigates

I am often asked whether the terms of a will are set in stone. The perhaps surprising answer is, no, they are not.

First, there are several ways in which a will may not be valid at all and open to challenge, and the estate may then be distributed in accordance with an earlier will or the rules of intestacy. These include a lot of formalities which may not have been followed, such as the will not having been signed and witnessed properly. In addition, there may have been a lack of testamentary capacity or even undue influence, although this can be difficult to prove. Indeed, some of these are considerably easier to prove than others and it is often a matter of evidence.

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Finally, there may be a claim under the 1975 Inheritance Act that allows claims by various people not mentioned in a will or not adequately provided for, such as a spouse or partner, children and anyone else who was financially dependant upon the person who has died. This also applies if someone died without a will and the rules of intestacy would not give that person anything.

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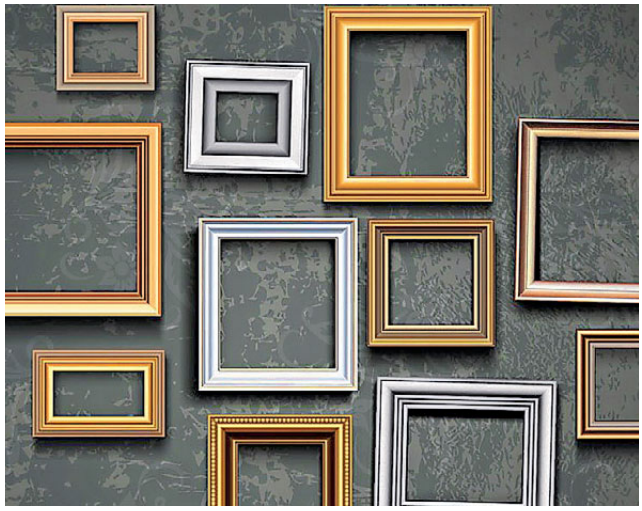

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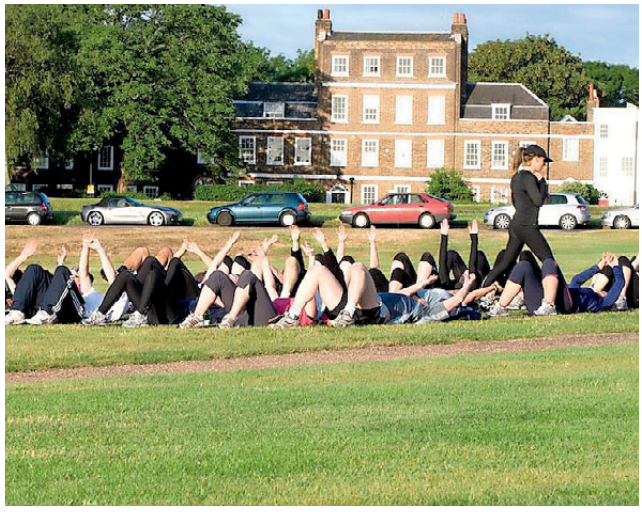

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Andrea Beresford of Grant Saw Solicitors on how to prevent minor disagreements with neighbours escalating

A recent property case about a pair of iron gates highlights how a minor disagreement between neighbours can escalate into a High Court trial, costing thousands.

In Bradley v Heslin (2014), adjoining houses 40 and 40A shared the use of a driveway, which belonged to 40A. At the entrance of the driveway stood a pair of iron gates. The owners of number 40, the Bradleys, wanted the gates closed at all times for security reasons, whereas the owners of 40A, the Heslins, wanted the gates open so that they wouldn't have to get in and out of their car when using the driveway.

The owners couldn't come to an agreement and the Heslins resorted to padlocking one of the gates to keep them open. In the end, matters got so bad that the Bradleys commenced proceedings for declarations as to their rights to use the gates and for an injunction against the Heslins for the padlock to be removed.

There was no winner in the end. It was held that an easement to open and close a gate was possible, but the Bradleys had not produced sufficient evidence in court to prove that they had acquired one. The Bradleys had a right to open and close the gates for all reasonable purposes connected with the use of their house, but so long as that did not unreasonably interefere with the use of 40A. The Heslins did not have the right to padlock the gate either.

Here at Grant Saw Solicitors LLP we try to explore different solutions for our clients and to look at 'the bigger picture'. In this situation, mediation could have been used to resolve this dispute, which would have saved time and costs for the parties involved, or an agreement could have been drawn up at the outset to record the arrangements regarding the use of the gates to avoid any potential disputes.

For further information, call Andrea Beresford, commercial property solicitor at Grant Saw Solicitors LLP, on 020 8305 4233 or email aberesford@grantsaw.co.uk

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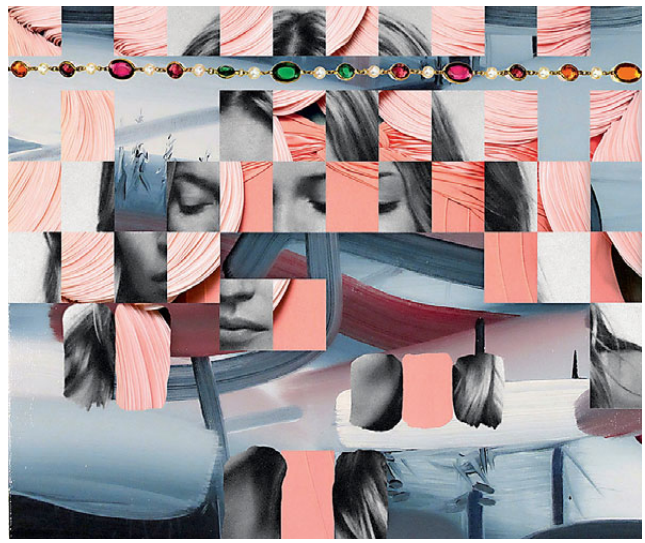

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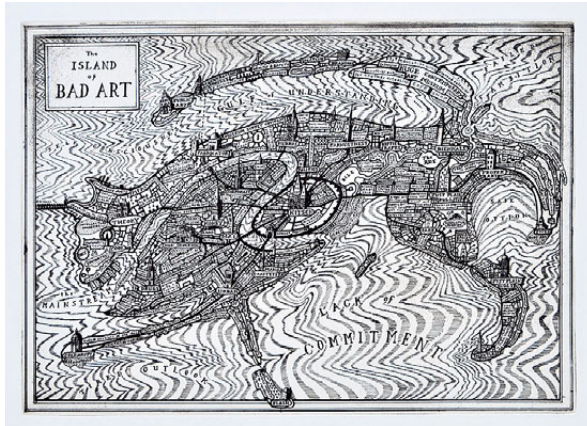

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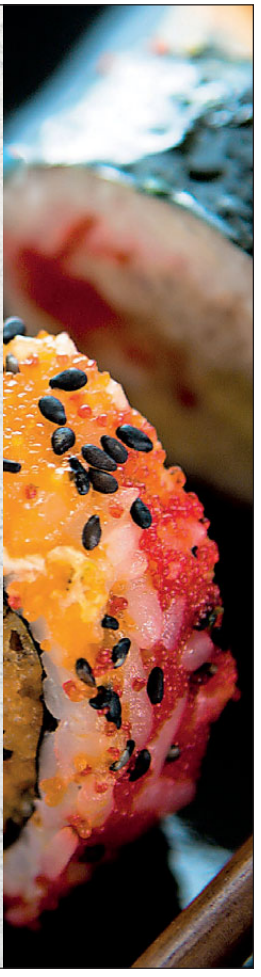

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TOM PARKER BOWLES

Australia has won me over, but there's no place like home

Australia is one hell of a country. But then you knew that already. I've just spent a couple of months there, filming all over for a new TV series, *The Hotplate*. And I've fallen head over heels in love. With its straight talking, no-nonsense inhabitants who take pride in telling it as it is; and cities, from ever-sexy Sydney, to magnificent Melbourne, to languid, languorous, laid-back Brisbane. And Perth, so far from anywhere, yet so fresh faced and bathed in the purest of light. Plus the icy beer, morning dips off Bondi Beach, green juices, some of the finest, rough-edged South East Asian food you'll find anywhere on earth; Tim Tams, Chicken Twisties, lollies (the Aussie words for sweets), Red Rooster fries with chicken salt and pie with gravy. Britain aside, there's nowhere else I'd rather live.

But I missed London too. Of course I did. It's still the greatest city on earth, and even though Sydney and Melbourne are blessed with endless knockout restaurants (Caysorn Thai, House, The Apollo and Mr Wong in Sydney; Estelle, St Crispin and Chin Chin in Melbourne, to name but a few of my favourites), there were certain things I craved. Like those dining institutions that can only exist in London: The Wolseley, Le Caprice and J Sheekey, with their potted shrimps, and asparagus drenched in butter, decent smoked salmon, and very English bustle, seasoned with a handful of old fashioned familiarity.

Then the long lunching spots like St John, Quo Vadis, Hereford Road and Lyle's, British in both cuisine and soul. Indian food might be improving in Oz, but it's still a long way behind Blighty when it comes to top-notch curries. Occasionally, I'd crave Gymkhana or Indian Zing in Hammersmith, first-class regional Indian tucker.

Tom missed the delights of J Sheekey whilst working in Australia

But most of all, I missed hunching over the hob, and cooking my own food. Sure, my house did have a kitchen. But on the very rare days I was actually home, there were simply too many new places to explore. So it wasn't just my favourite butchers (HG Walter and The Ginger Pig) that I pined after, but grabbing fresh flatbreads, huge bunches of herbs and fragrant spices on the way home from work from Damas Gate on Uxbridge Road. And despite Australian beer being wonderfully varied, the pubs are very different from ours, part bookie, part old-fashioned saloon. They do the job, often too well. Compared, though, to our great secular boozing churches, they come up short.

Then there was Vegemite. I did make do with it. I had to. But despite my deep love for this great and glorious land, one fact will never change – Marmite is the original. And the best.

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Soak up the late-summer rays in The Wood House's revamped garden

Into the woods

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FOOD *NOTEBOOK*

A late-summer feast for south London foodies

SEA FOOD DIET

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Best of British

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HEY, SWEETY!

Award-winning confectioners Hope & Greenwood have combined the year's biggest flavour – salted caramel chocolate – with chunks of honeycomb for a real sweet treat (right). The south London duo, Miss Hope and Mr Greenwood, stars of BBC Two's Sweets Made Simple, no longer have their East Dulwich store, sadly, but you can still buy online. £4.99. hopeandgreenwood.co.uk

Eat Greenwich

Greenwich Feast, held in conjunction with community tweetchat organisers #GreenwichHour, showcases local businesses with an end-of-summer supperclub on Friday 25 September. The menu, which includes pumpkin and goat's cheese tortellini and beer-brined, roasted pork belly, is devised using ingredients from the borough. The event takes place at Progress Hall in Eltham. Tickets are £32.

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GUY AWFORD

For a super supper, try this delicious fig, goat's cheese and bacon tart

Full of minerals and vitamins, figs are the ultimate late summer super food. Sweet with a fruity-floral flavour, figs have a particular affinity with the salty tang of goat's cheese. For a simple appetiser, cut a cross into the top of a fig, push a nugget of goat's cheese inside, drizzle with a fruity olive oil and bake until the cheese has a golden tinge. For a more substantial dish, try this recipe for a fig, goats cheese and bacon tart.

Homemade pastry is far superior to the pre-made stuff, but it takes practice. Sift 250g of plain flour into a large bowl and rub in 125g of diced cold butter until it resembles fine breadcrumbs. Add a pinch of salt, 1 beaten egg and 3 tablespoons of cold water. Knead the dough lightly (don't overwork it), wrap it in cling film and refrigerate for 30 mins.

Lightly flour your work surface and roll the pastry in one direction. Rotate it 90 degrees and roll again. Repeat until you have an even 5mm thickness. Lay the pastry over a buttered tart tin, push into the sides and trim, leaving a 1cm excess. Don't pinch it over the sides as it will shrink during cooking. Prick the base with a fork and refrigerate for 20 mins. Cover with greaseproof paper, fill with baking beans and bake at 180°C for 20 mins. Remove the beans and paper and bake for 5 mins. Then, brush the hot pastry with egg wash and bake for a further 2 mins, this forms a seal to keep the pastry crisp when you add the filling.

TIP

A good tart needs a good pastry. Like most things worth doing it takes practice, but once mastered you'll never go back to the pre-made stuff. Follow the instructions to the left for the perfect tart.

FIG, GOAT'S CHEESE & BACON TART

- **Serves: 8-10**
- **Preparation time: 25 minutes (plus time to make the pastry)**
- **Cooking time: 40 minutes**

1 cooked pastry case (see left)
350ml double cream
150ml milk
5 eggs
aromatics (bay leaf, thyme, peppercorns and rosemary)
a generous pinch of salt
6 figs, sliced
6 rashers streaky bacon, cut into lardons and sautéed
250g goat's cheese, grated
1 tablespoon chopped fresh marjoram

1 Pre-heat the oven to 170°C
2 Bring the cream, milk, salt and aromatics to a simmer and pass through a sieve
3 Scatter half the figs, marjoram, bacon and cheese into the pastry case
4 Pour in enough of the custard to almost fill the tart
5 Scatter over the remaining figs, marjoram, bacon and cheese
6 Carefully place in the oven. Top up with the custard and bake for 30 to 40 minutes, or until the filling has set and the top has a lovely golden hue
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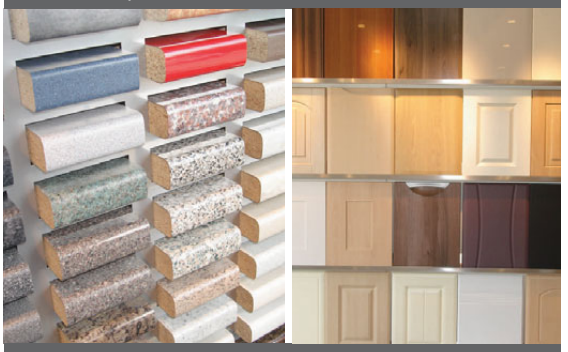

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THE PIANO RESTAURANT

Words VICTORIA PURCELL

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Those of a delicate disposition, look away now… I ordered the foie gras. It was delicious. I feel terrible. It's a rare sight on menus these days, and I have a feeling it won't be long before it's gone for good. So I ordered it. Just this one last time, then I think I'm going to have to back away from the controversial food – even if it is a generous slice of it served up with toasted brioche and a sharp, contrasting mango and grape chutney – and lay it to rest as a rich, glorious, indulgent memory. I offered some to my friend, a huge pâté lover, but he refused, because he has a stronger moral compass than me. Instead, he was busy devouring his beautifully presented breaded goat's cheese, served with an apple and fennel salad and drizzled with a honey and mustard dressing.

It's a while since I've dined at the Piano Restaurant at North Pole on Greenwich High Road. The place is a bit of a wonderland, with a ground-floor bar, pretty outdoor shisha lounge to the rear and a basement club, the South Pole, where those who haven't just devoured a three-course meal dance the night away. It's poles apart (forgive me) from its first-floor sister venue. Up here it's beautiful, calm and sophisticated, with white linen tablecloths, chandeliers, exposed brickwork and iconic pictures of the Ratpack on the walls. There's a baby grand piano in the corner, where the resident pianist works his magic, and a big neon Moët sign behind the bar indicates that this is special-occasion dining. We ordered a bottle of the Beyerskloof Pinotage – South Africa's most popular Pinotage – and admired its luscious legs as we geared up for the main course. I had the pan-fried fillet of sea bass, mounted handsomely on a bed of grilled fennel and courgette with a drizzle of dill dressing, plus a smattering of sundried tomatoes that set the whole thing off perfectly. The skin on that sea bass was deliciously crisp.

My friend had the chicken ballotine – now where else are you going to find a classic dish like that? It came served with tarragon mousse, potato and truffle purée and – since 'green veg' was too ambiguous for my fussy friend – green beans, which the staff were only too happy to substitute onto the plate. We ordered sides of good homemade chips and even better spicy potato wedges, too. The dishes here are traditional, consistently good and generously portioned, so if you shrivel at the thought of food trends, nouvelle cuisine and molecular fuss, then this is where you need to be.

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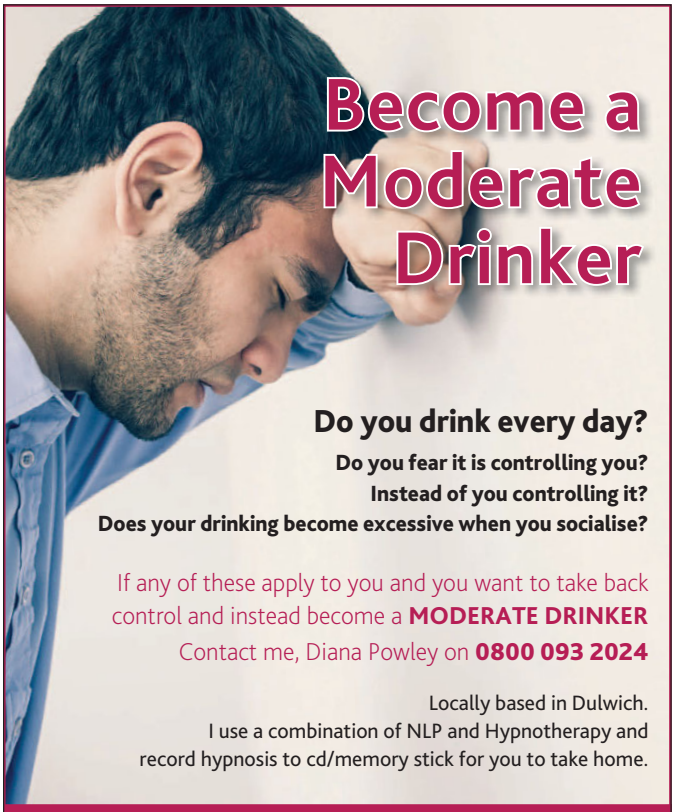

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Chapters combines relaxed surrounds with fantastic food

Order of the day

Chapters has been a Blackheath institution for years. Here's why...

Words DAVID FITZGERALD-ELLIOT

I recently found myself in Blackheath, that culinary Mecca of south London, and as it was close to lunchtime, I couldn't resist the urge to head for one of my favourite restaurants to see if it was still as good as the last time I visited. If anything, Chapters has upped its game, and then some. It can often be the small touches that really help to make a meal memorable, like the honey bread that accompanies the Charcuterie Board starter.

Chapters has been a Blackheath institution for years. It's slick and professional, but it's far from stuffy. The bright interior, comfortable seating and views across the Heath all help to make this buzzy place a real treat and, more importantly, affordable. And as the name implies, it's open from breakfast through to dinner seven days a week. Yes, there may be cheaper places to eat in Blackheath, but not by much, and considering the cooking and service is well up there with top London restaurants, you certainly get value for money. When you take into account the standard of cooking, any price difference is negligible – I paid just £21.45 for a 350g chunk of rib-eye deliciousness, including choice of sauce.

Chapters also offers another bonus – like my out-of-this-world rib-eye, all its steaks are cooked using a specially imported Josper oven, which gives the meat a unique flavour thanks to the charcoal embers. The ovens also cooks at incredibly high temperatures, helping to seal in the flavour and keep the meat moist and tender.

Manager George Peppas told me that he regularly welcomes diners from far and wide: 'Most of our customers are local but a number of our regulars travel from London because they like the Blackheath lifestyle and enjoy being able to eat to the same high standard of food they are used to, but without paying the prices they normally have to.'

Chapters' reputation has always been underpinned by offering the sort of menu and cooking that people quickly become hooked on. The whole eating experience is geared to make even the simplest meal an occasion, even the warm welcome from the front-of-house team.

The à la carte menu is a case in point. There are eight starters to choose from, starting at just £5.55. Nine main courses are supplemented with a further six dishes from the Josper oven menu, including Spatchcock Chicken, Double Barnsley Chop and the famous Chapters Burger, plus a choice of steaks.

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Add a kids menu and a fantastic wine list and you can see why Chapters maintains its position as Blackheath's most popular restaurant, despite the increasing competition. A number of high street chains have moved into the village in recent years, but there is a noticeable difference when it comes to the sort of standards a local, established eatery can offer.

With such reliable quality and reasonable prices, Chapters attracts a lot of repeat business. Regulars can join the restaurant's loyalty club and enjoy exclusive rewards, as well as receiving priority updates about forthcoming events. Like I said, it can be the small touches that make a meal, and if you are serious about food in a non-stuffy environment, then you will love Chapters.

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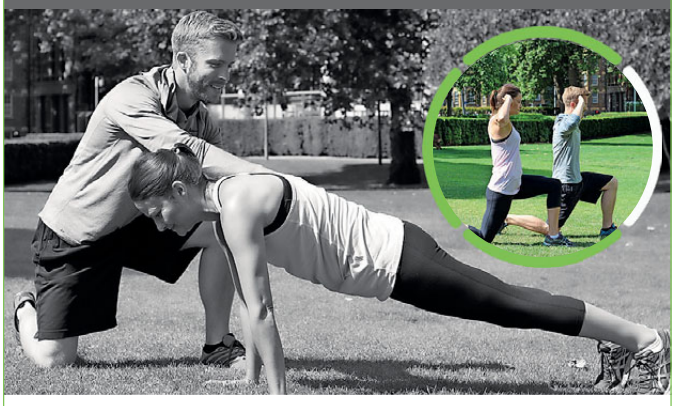

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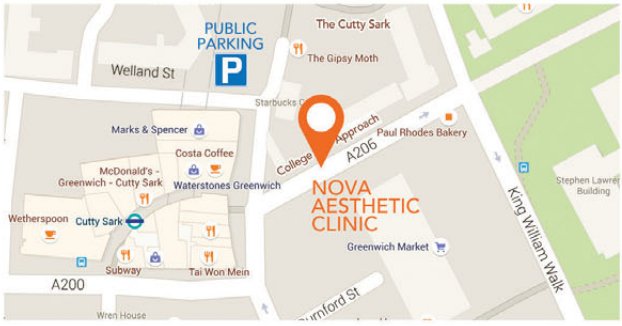

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Words IAN MALE

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'I feel fat in my running gear.'

'Everyone is looking at me.'

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The 5% who are watching? They are not worth your energy. If you've spent any time in a gym then you'll know that these are the same people who are way too wrapped up checking how their arms look in the mirror half the time anyway. You don't know them and hopefully never will, so blank them out, focus on you and imagine yourself a month from now. While they're busy judging, you're getting closer to where you want to be.

Making the decision to get up off the sofa and get started is tough. So the last thing you need once you have is to worry about whether your top is riding up or whether you're doing the right exercise.

Don't waste your energy on things and people that don't matter. Figure out what matters to you, remember why you're doing this, get your head down and focus on your goals – on keeping up with your kids in the garden, or fitting into *those* jeans. You know the ones.

If you're still reading this then you know exactly what I'm talking about. So make today the day you start. You don't need to be breaking any world records, just set a simple, achievable goal, and get started.

Ian Male

The guy watching you run past the bus stop? He's not looking at your stomach, he's feeling guilty because he should be running

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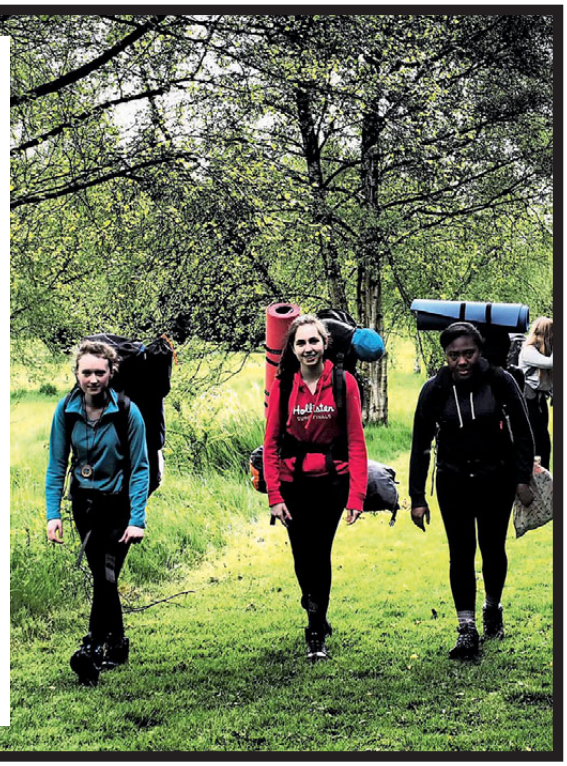

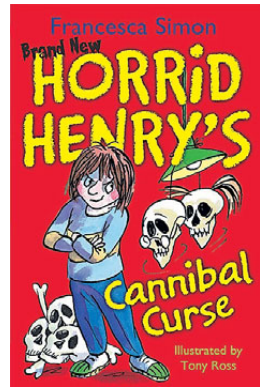

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How best to test our youngsters: through on-going assessment or exams?

EARLY CALL

Why the return of formal tests for seven-year-olds may not be such a bad thing after all

Words SUE LAIDLAW

Once again our tested – and some might say, over-tested – children may soon experience another batch of formal assessments to undertake. It is suggested that Nick Gibb, Schools Minister, is moving towards a return to externally marked formal tests for seven-year-olds.

Whilst children in Year 6, the top year of primary school, have been tested for many years, formal testing at the end of the Key Stage 1, when children are seven or even six, was abolished over ten years ago in favour of less formalised tests that are marked by teachers. It was felt, by many, that this is too early to put children though formal testing.

Whilst this has always been a contentious issue, and teachers and unions alike express much concern, there does need to be some way of assessing the progress of children throughout their school lives. As teachers, most of us would feel that we are constantly, informally assessing the progress and development of each child. Indeed, this shapes the way we help them to progress and how we plan our teaching.

However, questions abound. How is the assessment of each child best done? How do we know that schools are doing the best job they can? How do we balance the needs of the child with tests that are in danger of being more about results for the school than for the good of the children? In fairness, these are questions that governments have, no doubt, grappled with for many years.

Behind front doors throughout the land, SATs week in May is approached and experienced in different ways. Two of my children are sufficiently old enough to have experienced both Key Stage 1 and 2 tests and, if I am honest, they didn't really bat an eyelid. By the time they sat the latter tests, they had been through the London Day School exams for a senior school place and were quite familiar with the routine. In fact, they seemed to find it quite fun and one of them mentioned that it was all 'rather quiet and peaceful' and 'you could just get on with what you had to do'! Other parents have found that their children have been very upset and stressed by the whole experience and, for them, it has been a difficult ordeal.

The reintroduction of formal testing should be for the best educational reasons

So, at the start of this school year, as parents the three terms will be marked with the usual cycle of plays, concerts, parents evenings and test and exams, whatever the age of our children. If we are generous, we will embrace the sentiment of testing as inevitability in life. Parents of young children will hope that final decisions regarding the reintroduction of formal testing are considered in the light of not only driving up standards in schools, but also for the best educational reasons for each child.

In the meantime, we can try to ensure that our children remain as fulfilled and happy in their day to day school life and gently understand that what is important is doing the best that you can do yourself – with or without tests.

Sue Laidlaw is Senior Partner of Laidlaw Education and its divisions.
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Children have an inherent drive to win, but schools should temper that

COMPETITIVE SPIRIT

Is winning the be all and end all? Or should schools temper ambitions to be the best?

Words SUE LAIDLAW

Over the years, so much has been debated and discussed on the subject of competition in schools. Governments have come and gone, and policy has changed and changed again. Primary schools have looked to emphasise taking part rather than winning – in sport, in academics and in school life.

What do pupils themselves think? Last year a survey was conducted by Marylebone Cricket Club (pictured right) and the Chance to Shine charity in which it was discovered that, amongst the eight to 16-year-olds, almost two thirds claimed that they would be 'relieved, not bothered or happier' if winning or losing were not a factor. However, we all know many boys and girls who are eager to win and show various degrees of competitive spirit either against others or themselves.

Even if we were to, somehow, be able to take the competitive element out of the classroom or off our playing fields, it would still be embedded in our daily lives as children and as adults. In some way or another, competition is in-built into the human psyche. Many would argue that a healthy level-headed approach to competition when we are young will enable us all to cope and embrace the adult world. Sir Digby Jones sums it up by speaking of our present national climate creating a generation that is ill prepared for a world that requires risk taking. He suggests that 'competition teaches critical thinking, decision-making and problem solving'.

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For those who are able to claim society's glittering prizes, it is easier of course. However, surely the key is to acknowledge and embrace the fact that we are all different, and come with different strengths and weaknesses, and not to try to make each child the same as the next. Lyn Kendall of British Mensa talks of the importance of competition within a supportive environment in which the child can learn to accept failure, but without losing self-esteem. Equally, those who are born with competitive talent and win often, need to know how to fail, and lose with respect for others.

So surely this is the key. There are schools where many pupils are performing at the very highest level in all areas of school life, yet there are others who will never quite reach these levels themselves. Despite this, they learn to embrace each other's success, are not arrogant and leave the school feeling that they can walk confidently into the world, wherever it may take them, and respected for their strengths and weaknesses.

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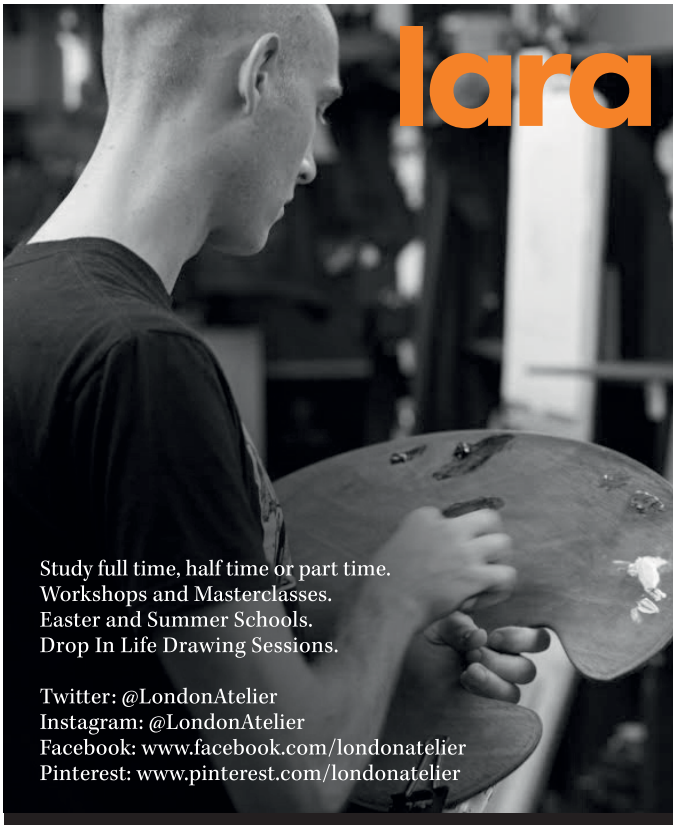

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GOLDEN GLOBE

Next year marks 400 years since the death of Shakespeare – but as the Director of Globe Education writes, he is alive and well in schools

BY PATRICK SPOTTISWOODE

Ben Jonson wrote that Shakespeare was 'not of an age but for all time'. He felt the same about himself. He had the vanity to publish his own plays – with some poems and classical translations – in a grand Folio edition in 1616, the year Shakespeare died. Seven years later, two actors, Heminges and Condell, decided to publish Shakespeare's plays together in Folio, too.

Did Shakespeare think his plays 'were for all time'? Probably not. Plays were considered ephemeral (from the Greek 'epi-hemera', meaning 'for a day') rather than having lasting value. Most plays of the period have not survived.

However, 450 years after his birth, Shakespeare's plays are more popular than ever before. Now translated into over 100 languages, they have been re-interpreted as opera, film, ballet, musical, painting and cartoon. Shakespeare is an international brand – his lines are used and abused on a daily basis. The tea towel and fridge magnet industries thrive thanks to Shakespeare quotes. Even his image is exploited. I admit to owning a Shakespeare rubber

duck and a Shakespeare corkscrew, part of a growing tat collection that would make for an interesting exhibition.

Shakespeare could never have imagined that his plays would be food for a national curriculum or studied at desks in classrooms. Fellow playwright John Marston argued that his plays were written to be performed rather than read. It is the classroom reading of Shakespeare's plays that put so many students (and teachers) off. It may have put you off Shakespeare, too.

However, the teaching of Shakespeare has improved dramatically over recent years. Increasingly the plays are being taught through performance and as scripts for actors that are open to a range of interpretations. A host of film as well as stage versions are available to support classroom teaching while theatre organisations, like Shakespeare's Globe, are drawing on rehearsal room practice to animate workshops for all.

These approaches are opening up the plays, encouraging students to seek their own interpretations. Yes, the vocabulary can be difficult because some of the words are so 'old', but it was often difficult for Shakespeare's actors, too, because some of his words were 'new'.

However, the issues that Shakespeare explores in the plays are neither old nor new, but 'for all time'. His plays have become universal stories that people across the world can share and discuss. Everyone should have the opportunity to meet Shakespeare. One advantage of having Shakespeare on the curriculum is that every student is given that opportunity. As long as that meeting is, as Shakespeare intended, playful.

There is meaning in play.

Patrick Spottiswoode is Director of Globe Education at Shakespeare's Globe. Find out more by visiting shakespearesglobe.com/education

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In a world dominated by success, why it's just as valuable to let your child fail – and how they can learn from it

Words SUE LAIDLAW

When I was a little girl and something difficult happened, my Dad always reminded me, gently, that it was 'character building'. As we grew up – and even now – he would mention to me that a difficult situation is simply character building. Although it became a bit of a family joke, it has, nevertheless, stood me in very good stead.

Today there seem to be many articles and website suggestions about how to build character in children. Recently, Nicky Morgan announced the £5 million Character Innovation Fund, intended to help schools build pupils' resilience. With the recent 50th anniversary of Sir Winston Churchill's death, we have certainly been reminded of a man of such great character, but also of past generations who simply had to find courage, endurance and self-reliance from deep within themselves to survive.

Our standard of living is higher and life can generally be more comfortable than it has been for past generations. For the majority of children, day to day living is easier and safer than it has probably ever been. Perhaps it is precisely these things that have created the need for children to 'learn' how to build their character rather than for these important traits to simply develop out of the trials of life itself. We are obviously all born into a particular time and world, but how can we simply help our children to develop the strength of character that will stand them in such good stead as they develop into adults, through daily life, in a world where the instinct is to protect children from failure and difficulties?

Perhaps one of the most uncomfortable, yet helpful things that we can do as parents is to allow our children to dare to fail and dare to get things wrong. As parents, we always celebrate the success of our children; we all want them to do well, but if we can be sufficiently strong to encourage them to try, even if they don't manage to succeed, they are in their way to become more resilient adults. Encourage them to have a go at becoming house captain, auditioning for the school play – or even just beginning a conversation with a new friend. If they are interested, sport is a wonderful way to learn to fail (and succeed). The somewhat disappointing season that my daughter's lacrosse team are enduring has made any victory sweeter, but has also (I hope) added another layer of endurance and tenacity to her as an individual!

Interestingly, the building of character is almost always borne out of adversity. For some, that comes from the very difficulties of life itself, for others who are blessed with more comfortable lives, and our fortunate children may well be some of these, it is how we, as parents, expose them, just enough, to some of the harder parts of life.

Churchill is often attributed to saying: 'Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.' Closer to home, when I bemoaned to him that one of our children had failed, my Dad quietly and gently commented to me: 'They can't be good at everything, Sue.' Food for thought...

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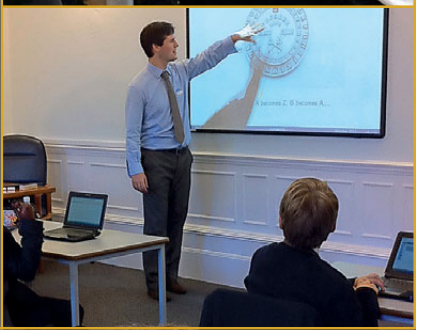

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EYE OF THE BEHOLDER

From asking the right questions to tracking down pupils, here's an insider's guide to school open days

Words SUE LAIDLAW

At this time of year, some of you will be preparing for the open day season, the round of school visits that will be followed by a sifting through of thoughts, a shortlist of prospective schools and form filling, and sending of registrations fees and all that follows. Perhaps you are ahead of the game and taking an early look at schools for the future for your little ones; maybe you are in the last term before entrance exams take place or somewhere in the middle. Alternatively, you may be looking at Prep School or Sixth Forms. In essence, the process is the same and a few tips and an observant eye can prepare you well for what is on offer.

When advising the many hundreds of parents who come through our doors seeking the best school for their child, the key advice is always the same –- ensure that you find the school that is right for your child and where your child is right for it. 'All very well!' they might say. 'But how do we know which one that might be?'

Open days are clearly one way of getting a 'feel' for the school that might one day take your child as a pupil. As the visiting outsider, I think that most of us are aware that books are strategically chosen and pupils selected accordingly and, although these things do clearly give a sense of the school, it is wise to look beyond the obvious. Wonderful facilities are very important, but don't be completely seduced by new buildings and amazing facilities. Likewise, and understandably, many of the talks that are given by Heads and senior staff speak of the best of exams results and the greatest achievements. However, the wisest of these professionals will also give a sense of reality as to who is best suited to their school and why.

Find the school that is right for your child and where your child is right for it

So what is there to observe beyond the obvious? Firstly, take a look and have a listen to the other parents around you. Are they the sort of people that could become your friends? Trust your instinct and that little voice inside. The pupil who shows you round can influence your opinion for better or worse, so try to speak to a few. Try to stay neutral and be aware of this, but do ask lots of questions. Your guide will know what goes on day in day out, so a few carefully worded questions can provide much insight.

Finally, if you have the opportunity visit the school on a non-open day. A regular school day can give you a great deal more: look at the wall displays, observe how the pupils interact in class, how the teachers teach... all this will speak volumes. At the end of it all, it is always about finding the most appropriate environment in which to enable your child to thrive.

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Words VICKY MAYER

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I'm not the first person of course to be entranced by this picturesque city with its elegant Georgian houses, built with sandy limestone, and picture postcard streets. Add to that the famous Roman Baths, the Pump Room, plus plenty of cool places to eat and drink and you've got the perfect destination for a two night break from London.

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Unlike so many other five star hotels that have stripped away their character, the Royal Crescent positively revels in its sense of history and the rooms are sumptuously decorated with fabulous furnishings. We pushed the boat out and stayed in a roomy Deluxe Suite, complete with a delightful 'princess and the pea' four poster bed.

The hotel's suites are roomy and sumptuous

I'm not the first person of course to be entranced by this picturesque city

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Spend a 'lost' 24 hours in the hotel and the following day you'll be ready to explore the cobbled delights of this fair city. Aside from the must-visit Baths, I loved No 1 Royal Crescent (no1royalcrescent.org.uk), a perfectly preserved Georgian house which showcases Bath's illustrious past.

Nearby Bristol's urban vibe seems to have hit Bath too with cool coffee shops and cafes run by bearded hipsters springing up everywhere. The sun shone, the food was great and the people friendly. What can I say? Just be sure to avoid the estate agents' windows if you know what's good for you!

Wind down in the indoor pool and spa

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Words VICKY SMITH

The Seychelles was uninhabited throughout most of recorded history. As you swoop in to land on Mahé – this Indian Ocean archipelago's largest island – you can't help but think that everybody was missing a trick: the sun is shining, turquoise waters lap gently against white sands, and jungle-covered hills and mountains rise up dramatically. It is, quite literally, paradise.

The French were the first to wake up to the beauty of the Seychelles, and there's still a Gallic influence apparent, most obvious in the nation's first language, Seychellois Creole. Not ones to be left out, the Brits soon came knocking, and our influence is still apparent too, with English also spoken by much of the population.

That's where the European feel begins and ends though. The Seychelles is a beautifully unique place, with a friendly, frivolous spirit more commonly associated with the Caribbean, and the kind of dramatic, jaw-dropping scenery you'd expect in South East Asia.

To really make the most of the country's incredible landscapes, it's a wise move to book into a smaller place to stay, somewhere that enhances your stunning surroundings, instead of dominating them. We were bowled over by Maia Resort and Spa, a boutique luxury resort on Mahé comprising just 30 villas nestled on a hillside overlooking an endless blue horizon.

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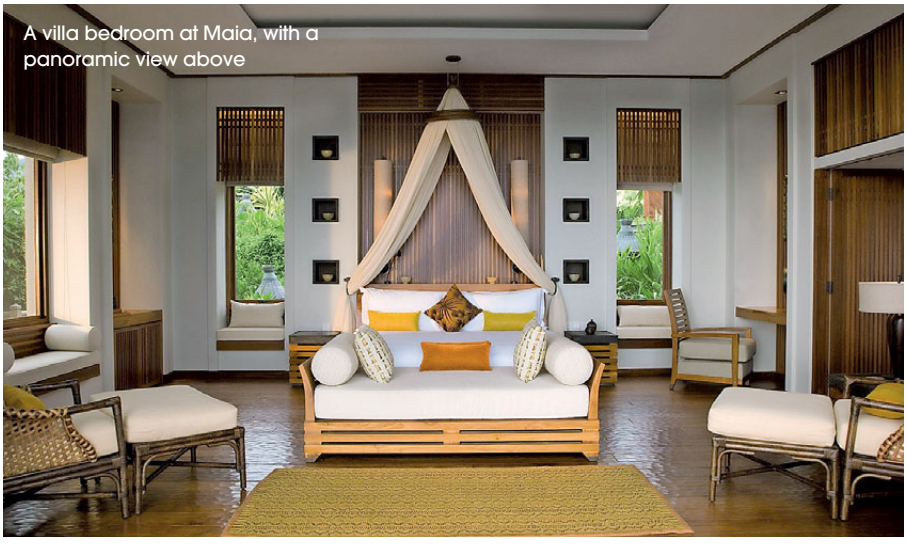

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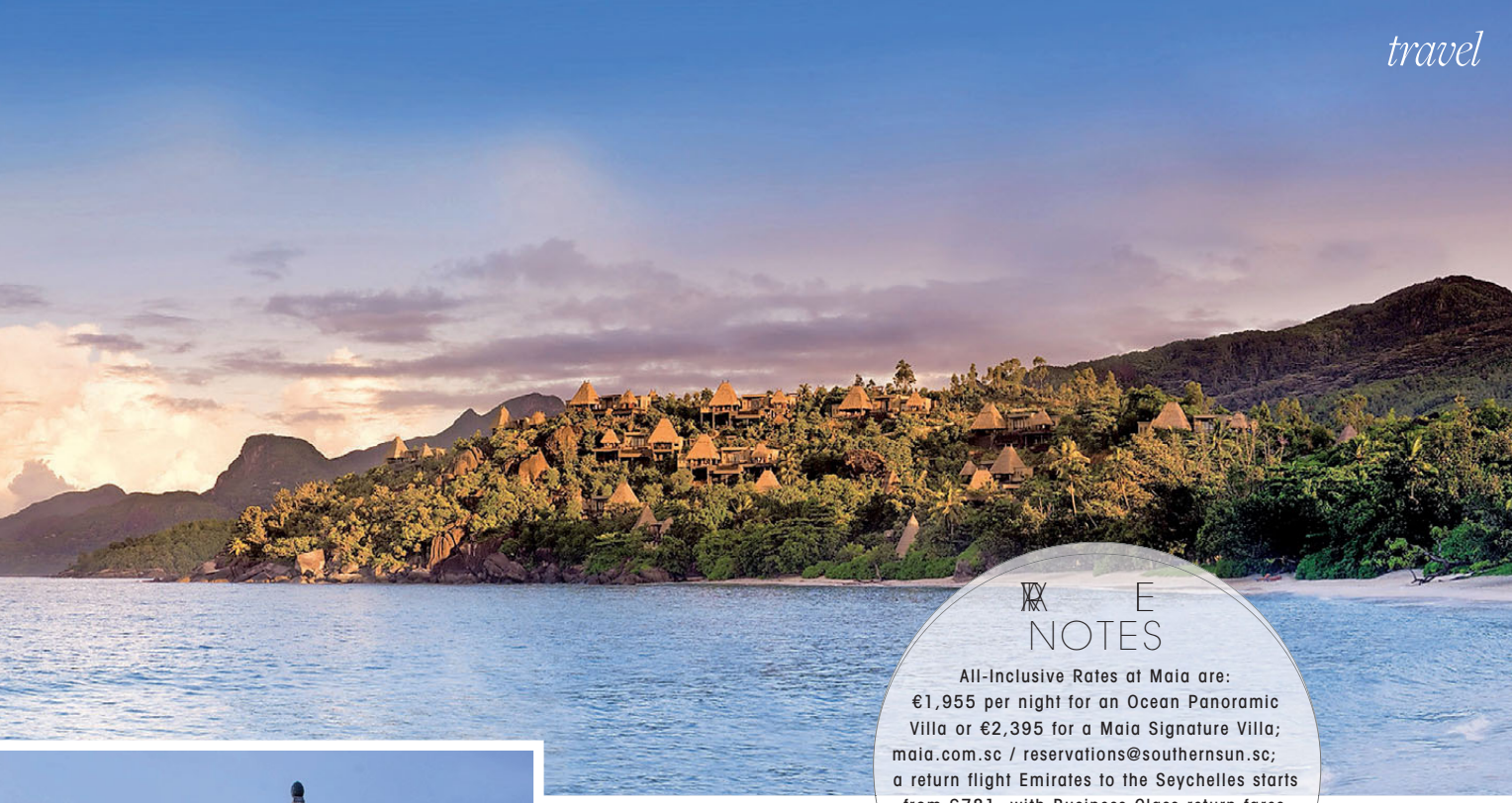

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The signature villa with its own infinity pool – and quite a view

incurred), but don't for a second let the word 'buffet' enter into your head. And as for crowds of cocktail-guzzling tourists crowding the bar? Forget it. This is simply not that kind of party.

They base your experience around a 'Wherever, Whenever, Whatever' philosophy, so your holiday is catered to exactly what you want, as opposed to what they think you might want. This could range from a candle-lit dinner for two on the helipad (where the stars are so close you feel like you could easily reach up and touch them), to a picnic on the resort's blissfully idyllic beach.

There's also a beachside restaurant and bar serving an array of international and local dishes – don't leave without trying island specialities such as bread fruit crisps and grilled red snapper – and for those with a taste for a drop or two of wine, Maia's Wine Boutique is an unexpected, and pretty magical, experience: resident sommelier Laurent will guide you through a tasting session before you settle in for dinner with just your favourite bottle and the sunset for company. A stand-out spa offering treatments in outdoor rooms enhances the Maia experience even further. Your massage or facial will be accompanied by a soundtrack provided by chirping birds and trickling waterfalls.

Your experience is based around a wherever, whenever, whatever philosophy

All this bliss is hard to drag yourself away from, but exploring as much of the Seychelles as you can is obviously a priority. The country is actually made up of 115 islands, but the main three – Mahé, Praslin and La Digue – are where most visitors head. Take a boat trip to visit the giant tortoises on La Digue, or recline on the deserted beaches of Praslin, where you can also while-away an afternoon under the gentle waves, visiting the incredible array of underwater wildlife. Back on dry land, you might be lucky enough to spot a family of native fruit bats asleep in the trees, the mother's wings unfolding to reveal snoozing babies.

Returning to Mahé, you can hike around the national parks, botanical gardens, bird sanctuaries or take a trip to the capital city, Victoria, where there's a lively fruit, vegetable and fish market to investigate, as well as a beautiful Hindu temple and – in another nod to the British influence – a miniature Big Ben in the town centre. A reminder of what you're not missing back home...

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LAKESIDE LUXURY

This Greenwich apartment is pure lakeside luxury

This three-bedroom apartment, set over two floors, maximises its lakeside setting with a mezzanine reception room and double-height windows. The lake forms part of the Greenwich Peninsula Ecology Park, meaning there's plenty of greenery to the front of the property, while to the rear you have all the amenities of Greenwich Millennium Village. See page 99

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Sales

Beckenham, BR3 £820,000 F/H

Situated on the sought after Barnmead Road is this five bedroom semi detached Victorian house. Throughout this property you will find many original features that date back to 1883 including coving, ceiling rose, marble fireplaces and balustrade, although some modernisation is probably required. Energy Efficiency Rating F.

BECKENHAM 020 8663 4433

Bromley, BR1 £1,225,000 F/H

Located on a prime road in Sundridge Park Village is this delightful five bedroom double fronted detached Victorian home. Sundridge Park train station is within 0.4 miles. The property is presented in very good order throughout and offers character and charm. Energy Efficiency Rating E.

BROMLEY 020 8315 5544

Lettings

Beckenham, BR3 £2,100 PCM

This unique three bedroom semi detached home is beautifully presented and located within a quiet cul-de-sac in Beckenham. The property is offered furnished and comprises three reception rooms, utility room with appliances, stunning modern bathroom with separate WC downstairs and storage throughout the property. Available from the 1st September. Energy Efficiency Rating E.

BECKENHAM 020 8663 4433

Bromley, BR2 £2,400 PCM

Rare to the market is this four double bedroom, three reception, Edwardian semi detached family home. The property is located on the sought after Sandford Road within 0.2m of Bromley South amenities. The property benefits from guest WC, off street parking, detached garage and 90ft secluded garden. Energy Efficiency Rating D.

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Sales

Chislehurst, BR7 £1,250,000 F/H

Extensively refurbished and extended five bedroom detached house with three bath/shower rooms, open plan living room and kitchen/breakfast room. Outside the house offers blocked paved driveway with access to the double length attached garage and gym/store room. The beautiful lawned rear garden offers much seclusion and privacy. Energy Efficiency Rating E.

CHISLEHURST 020 8295 4900

Farnborough Park, BR6 £1,895,000 F/H

Completed in 2011, 'The Chase' has been finished to an exacting standard with quality fixtures and fittings throughout. Situated in the prestigious Farnborough Park private estate, in a quiet cul-de-sac location. Externally a sweeping gravel drive allows ample off street parking to compliment the integral double garage. Energy Efficiency Rating B.

LOCKSBOTTOM 01689 882 988

Lettings

Bromley, BR1 £4,500 PCM

Situated in a sought after location in Bickley behind electronic gates and just walking distance from Chislehurst and Bickley stations is this modern five bedroom, four bathroom detached family home with extensive driveway. Available immediately and offered to the market fully furnished. An internal viewing of this property is highly recommended.

CHISLEHURST 020 8295 4900

Farnborough Park, BR6 £5,950 PCM

Fabulous six bedroom part furnished family home. Accommodation comprises huge kitchen/dining/family room, downstairs WC, study/utility room and large lounge area. Externally the property offers a self contained annex, double garage, carriage driveway, heated swimming pool and off street parking for multiple cars. Available now. Energy Efficiency Rating D.

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Sales

Orpington, BR6 £850,000 F/H

Detached family home comprising two reception rooms, modern fitted kitchen, adjoining breakfast room, utility room and downstairs WC. Upstairs to the first floor you'll find a family bathroom, three double bedrooms and one single bedroom. Additional benefits include large laid to lawn garden with mature shrubs, off street parking and integral garage. Energy Efficiency Rating E.

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Shirley, CR0 £1,895,000 F/H

Beautifully presented detached house comprising three reception rooms, study, 28ft kitchen/diner with integrated appliances and utility room. Upstairs you will find five bedrooms, three with en-suites, family bathroom and loft room. Additional benefits include landscaped front and rear gardens, sweeping driveway and detached triple garage. Energy Efficiency Rating D.

WEST WICKHAM 020 8432 7373

Lettings

Orpington, BR5 £2,850 PCM

Superb detached residence in a sought after location comprising living room, family room, modern fitted kitchen with adjoining dining area, separate utility area, downstairs WC, master bedroom with en-suite shower, a further four double bedrooms and family bathroom. Energy Efficiency Rating D.

ORPINGTON 01689 661 400

Beckenham, BR3 £2,400 PCM

Superb terrace house situated within the sought after Langley catchment. This property is presented to a high standard and comprises four bedrooms, master with en-suite, two reception rooms with interconnecting doors and modern fitted kitchen. Available now and offered unfurnished.

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This double-fronted period property in a conservation area has been cleverly modernised to include eco-features

Green living

This Forest Hill home has everything you need for a modern take on The Good Life

Eco-friendly homes are on the up. Fuelled by increased demand from those looking to lead a greener life, the increased availability of affordable technological innovations for the home, from solar panels, to high efficiency lighting and ultra efficient insulation, mean it's easier than ever to lower your carbon footprint.

Take this beautiful four-bedroom, double-fronted period property on Allenby Road, Forest Hill SE23. Situated on a quiet residential road, it has been sympathetically restored to adhere to the character of the properties within this conservation area, retaining many period features while incorporating a number of eco-friendly features. Solar panels have been fitted to the roof, which reduces your dependency on our struggling National Grid and also helps keep those electricity bills down. State-of-the-art Velux balconies, in keeping with the rules of the conservation area, add extra daylight and allow fresh air to circulate better. It also allows you to step out and gaze over the 90ft rear garden, where the current owners have made steps towards self-sufficiency by breeding their own chickens and growing their own tomatoes.

The property also retains many period features, including restored stained glass, originally from a Parisian chateaux, and there's potential to convert the huge basement and the loft to expand your living space even further. So if you're looking to lead *The Good Life* – in style – then take a look...

On the market for £1,700,000 with Winkworth, Dulwich, on 020 8299 2722

The original fireplace in the kitchen houses an energy-efficient wood-burning stove

Duncombe Hill SE23
OIEO £500,000

A fantastic, 2 double bedroom period flat backing on to a private, residents' only park.

EPC D

Grierson Rd SE23 OIEO £725,000

A spacious, 4 bedroom end-of-terrace family home in Honor Oak Park.

EPC D

Overcliff Rd SE13 £700,000

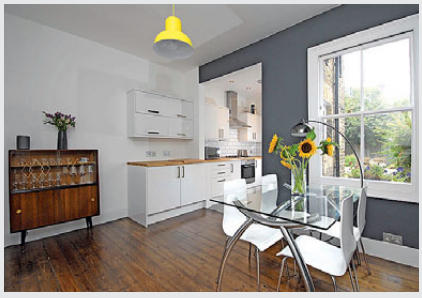
This superb, 4 bedroom period house is ideally situated for Lewisham station.

EPC D

Ladywell Rd SE13 £685,000

Located close to Ladywell station is this well-appointed, 3 bedroom period house.

EPC D



Ebsworth St SE23 OIEO £565,000

This fantastic, 2 bedroom period house is ideally placed for schools and amenities.

EPC E

Sunnyside SE6 £525,000

A newly-refurbished, 2 bedroom period house, finished to a high standard.

EPC D

Canonbie Rd SE23 £430,000

A stunning, 2 double bedroom apartment, part of a well-maintained block.

EPC D

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The Royal Standard pub and the Ottie & the Bea children's boutique are real assets to the area

Spotlight on... BLACKHEATH STANDARD

The savvy house hunter is eschewing 'the Village' for Blackheath Standard. Maria Nocerino of Peter James tells us why...

Best Known For?
Blackheath Standard has for many years been overshadowed by 'the Village'. But with the prices of property in and around the Village beyond the means of most buyers, the search area has widened of late to encompass Blackheath Standard as well. Once this started to happen, savvy buyers realised that the area offers many of the same facilities, such as great transport links and plenty of amenities, yet still remains within walking distance of the Heath and Greenwich Royal Park.

Where Can I Shop?
There are an increasing number of independent traders in Blackheath Standard. Shops such as Passion Flower Florists and Ottie & the Bea – a lovely boutique that sells children's toys and books and regularly has fun workshops and book signings with famous authors – are a real asset to the area.

Gourmet recommendations?
Moca Italian Deli is great and do visit The Scullery, which opened in the place of Gambardellas, a much-loved cafe that had previously occupied the premises on Vanbrugh Park since the 1920s. There's also the recently refurbished Royal Standard gastropub, which is great for classic pub dishes with a few creative touches, and an M&S Simply Food where you can just grab something for dinner in the week. And with Blackheath Village being so close, residents also have the option of walking there for a more varied selection of restaurants.

This three-bedroom terrace house on Hassendean Road SE3 is typical of the area, with plenty of charm and period features. It's on the market for £625,000

Good Schools?
There are three primary schools in the area, all with Outstanding Ofsted reports. These are Invicta, Sherington and Halstow. For secondary schools, both The Pointer School – a popular prep school – and Blackheath High School – a private secondary school for girls – are very good.

The Property Market
The property market is always extremely buoyant and very popular with both first and second-time buyers. The area still offers good value for money and is predominately made up of Victorian and Edwardian terraces and conversion flats. We have been very busy so far this year and we are registering lots of applicants looking to buy. I think that the market will continue to move quickly in the coming months, especially going into autumn, as interest rates are low and demand remains high.

Call Peter James, Blackheath Standard, on 020 8858 2555 or see peterjamesestates.co.uk

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Bennett Park, Blackheath, SE3 £1350pcm

Fabulous location in the heart of Blackheath Village we are delighted to offer this one double bedroom top floor conversion. In excellent order throughout the accommodation comprises good size lounge/diner with period fire place open plan to well fitted and modern kitchen, good size double bedroom, large bathroom w/c with bath and separate shower cubical. Gas central heating, neutral decor.

Belvedere Mews, Blackheath, SE3 £2400pcm

A lovely 3 bedroom two bathroom modern end of terrace house situated in a small private gated development within walking distance of Blackheath Village, Greenwich Park, the open Heath and shopping facilities at Blackheath Standard. Lounge, dining room, modern fully fitted kitchen , downstairs cloakroom, well stocked rear garden with side access and door to garage.

Samphire Cottage, Whitsable, CT5 £510-630pw

Holiday Let

Samphire cottage is a newly refurbished, beautifully furnished fishermans cottage in the heart of the popular fishing village of Whitstable. With its array of independant shops and renowned restaurants, Whitstable is perfect for a break by the sea. One hour from the Heath. Sleeps 4.

Langton Way, Blackheath, SE3 £2800pcm

A spacious four large double bedroom detached house situated close to the open heath, Blackheath Standard and within easy access to mainline stations. Accommodation is arranged over three floors and comprises, large well fitted kitchen/breakfast room, sep utility room, d/s w/c, large lounge/diner with access to garden. Garden to rear and off street parking.

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Deals Gateway, London, SE13
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£1495pcm

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Wide open space: This property on Canonbie Road has a great kitchen/diner space for entertaining

WITHOUT WALLS

Felicity Blair of Roy Brooks, East Dulwich, on the unstoppable trend for open-plan living

Open-plan layouts are one of the most common features of modern property design, with kitchen/diners being a popular modification. It's one of the most requested features when people are eyeing up their next purchase and if they don't find a home with this layout already in place, they make it top of their to-do list when they've moved in.

For a relatively small building cost, a kitchen/diner can transform the way you live and interact with the rest of the household. The property pictured above, a five-bedroom home on Canonbie Road, Forest Hill SE23, is a prime example of this trend (it's currently on the market with us for £1,350,000).

The wider the footprint of your house the better, as you can sometimes gain both dining and reclining spaces overlooking your garden. By installing as many French, concertina or bi-fold doors as possible, you bridge the gap between indoor and outdoor spaces and can glide seamlessly between the two, which makes for a great entertaining space during the summer months.

Large windows are a must in these new entertaining spaces. The more of the outside you bring in, the more you'll increase the perceived scale of the room. If you're building a single-story extension, be sure to add skylights – or go the whole hog with a fully glazed roof.

Extend the open-plan theme by opening your home up to the garden and you've conquered the next big trend

Architecturally elite homes across the Channel sometimes have kitchens that extend out under rear verandas for the ultimate open-plan, open-air lifestyle. Back in south London, we are beginning to see this trend emerge in a few select properties. Families who can shoulder the upheaval (and relatively much higher cost) of major works, and the most thoughtful property developers we've met, are removing more walls to create fully fluid living areas with cooking, dining and reclining zones in place of rooms. The property below, a four-bedroom home on Ringmore Rise, SE23, shows just how to bring the outdoors in (it's currently on the market with us for £1,250,000). When an entire floor of a house is open plan, you feel very differently about the space you are moving around in, it's quite liberating.

Call Roy Brooks, East Dulwich, on 020 8299 3021 or see roybrooks.co.uk

This home on Ringmore Rise embraces the open-air trend

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Lewisham £1,175,000

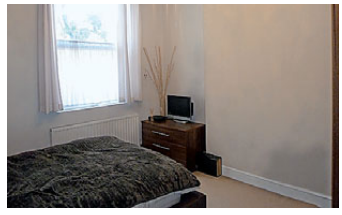
A five bedroom house located on one of Lewisham's most desired roads close to Hillyfields Park. Conveniently located for St John's and Lewisham Stations. Many original features throughout, yet tastefully refurbished to a very high standard. EPC Rating - G

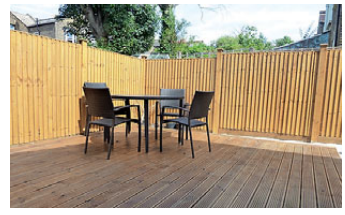
Contact David Meredith on 020 8297 8777

East Dulwich £925,000 - £950,000

A large three bedroom house in the heart of East Dulwich, on a quiet residential road within short walking distance to Peckham Rye common and within the catchment area of Goodrich, Heber and St Anthony's primary schools - a must see! EPC Rating - E

Contact Dan Carlisle on 020 7647 7711





Catford £490,000

A stunning three bedroom family home located in a sought after location just on the borders of Catford's conservation area. Entrance hall, two receptions, fitted kitchen, three bedrooms, fitted bathroom, off street parking. EPC Rating - TBC

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PENZIAS HOUSE, MANOR WAY, BLACKHEATH, SE3

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Penzias House development boasts just 11 apartments ranging from 1 bedroom to 3 bedroom duplex penthouses all with a superior specification. Each apartment is unique in design and offers a number of features including contemporary high quality kitchens with granite worktops and integrated appliances, fully tiled bathrooms and en-suites, porcelain tiled flooring with underfloor heating and Richee lighting.

The gated development offers security entrance, secure underground and external parking and each apartment benefits from a further good sized storage room. A majority of the apartments have either a private terrace or balcony and in some cases more than one terrace. There is also a large communal garden to the rear.

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Lakeside luxury

Alamaro Lodge, on Renaissance Walk, Greenwich Peninsula SE10, is a rare addition to the market. The three-bedroom, two-floor property maximises its lakeside setting with a mezzanine reception and double-height floor-to-ceiling windows, granting views towards the lush Greenwich Peninsula Ecology Park. From the ground-floor hallway are two bedrooms, a family bathroom and an expansive, fully fitted kitchen and dining room that leads out onto the lakeside terrace. Upstairs is the main reception room and the master bedroom suite, complete with walk-in dressing area and state-of-the-art en suite bathroom.

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A Vintage Affair at Comber & Co, Blackheath

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2 Montpelier Vale, Blackheath SE3 OTA. See facebook.com/avintageaffairblackheath

VILLAGE LIFE

City AM explored the reasons for the jump in house prices in Dulwich Village in a recent article. 'There are some very large five, six and seven bedroom houses in Dulwich,' said Anthony Shoring of Kinleigh Folkard & Hayward, Dulwich. 'This makes Dulwich Village hugely popular with families. Property prices reflect this. They have increased by 29% in the past 12 months alone.' With new development all but non-existent and Dulwich home owners reluctant to move out of the area, there's always a queue of bidders when the large, beautiful period houses come onto the market, the article reports. The average property prices in July 2015 were listed as £1.6 million for a detached home, £1.058 million for a semi, £719,458 for terraced houses and £374,475 for flats.

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- Three Bedroom House
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Conservatory
- Cul-de-Sac Setting
- Private Garden

Open House

This Will Not Lower Your Standards

£300,000

Lyham Road, SW9

Ref: 9284

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- Mid Terrace House
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Good Size Lounge
- Ample Size Rear Garden
- Allocated Parking
- Close to Amenities
- Close to Transport Links

EPC Rating TBC

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Spacious and Stylish

OIEO £699,995

Camberwell, SE5

Ref: 4766

A unique opportunity to purchase this stunning, modern build home within an exclusive gated Mews Development with video phone entry, comprising three eco apartments and three eco houses with a contemporary finish. Some eco friendly bonuses include a built in sound system, Grey water recycling and a combination boiler. In addition, the house has planning permission to build a terrace on the rear above the kitchen dining area.

- End of Terrace House
- Two Bedrooms
- Spacious Lounge
- Quality Fitted Kitchen
- Video Entry
- Built-in Sound System
- Fantastic Rear Garden
- Modern Build

EPC Rating TBC

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Guide Price £375,000 to £400,000

Auckland Road, Crystal Palace, SE19

Ref: 7197

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- Period Property
- Two Bedrooms
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- Reception Room
- Communal Gardens
- Off Road Parking

EPC Rating F

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Guide Price £950,000 to £1,000,000

Lennard Road, Penge, SE20

Ref: 7472

Sensational, five double bedroom, semi detached, Victorian residence located on a popular road which has a home office with a separate address and entrance. The property is close to Penge East and New Beckenham Stations.

- Five Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Cellar
- Conservatory
- South East Facing Garden
- Off Street Parking

EPC Rating E

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Exceptional Victorian Property

£975,000

Dunstans Road, SE22

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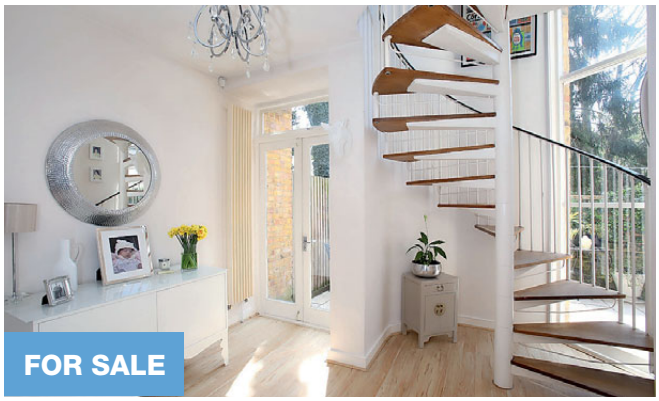

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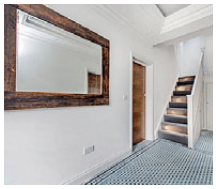

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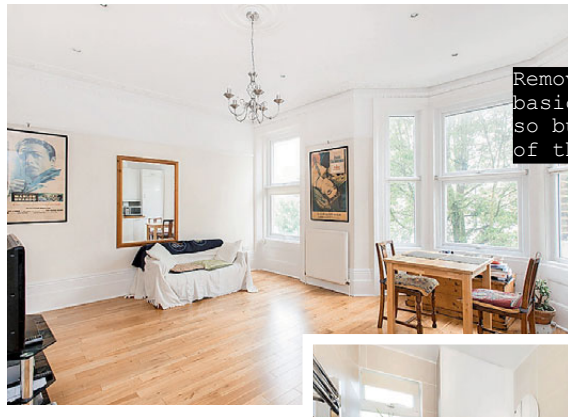
Gary O'Hare, Director of Streets Ahead, shares tips on encouraging prospective buyers and achieving a good price for your home

Start off simply. Make sure you clean, clean and clean again. Scour the skirting boards, scrub the sideboards, sponge the sofa. And don't forget the exterior – this is the first thing people see. Ensure the pathway is clear and display some plants with a splash of colour. This may all sound pretty obvious, but it's often the obvious that is overlooked.

However, if you want to be really safe in the knowledge that you have done all you can to get the best return on your current property, walk through it with a buyer's eye and act accordingly.

Cut your ties and depersonalise your home entirely. Potential buyers want to imagine the life they will live there and they can't do that if you, by the mark of your possessions, are still there, so take down family photos, children's paintings and pack-up books, CDs and ornaments. Consider repainting in neutral tones because, as stunning as it is, buyers may be distracted by that red-and-black zig-zag feature wall.

If you have a lot of furniture in some rooms, consider removing all but the basics. This will make the area more spacious and attractive to buyers. You may even want to think about renting a storage space for larger items while the viewing process is ongoing. Smaller items, like the knick-knacks on your kitchen worktops, windowsills and bath sides, can be boxed away and popped in your car boot.



Remove all but the basics from your rooms so buyers get a sense of the space

However, a few choice items – a potted fern on a mantle-piece or a ribbon-tied soap on a sink, are simple, pleasing details.

Natural light streaming through windows into bright airy spaces is also an appealing feature, but not a reality for every single room. So fake it. Give the impression of light by upping the wattage on bulbs, installing extra light fixtures and repainting with brighter colours.

This depersonalising and tailoring of your home towards the buyer will help you to let it go emotionally, and in turn empowers your estate agent with the selling reigns. It really is better to let your agent conduct viewings.

As uncomfortable as it is to hear, buyers like to nosey around, open cupboards, turn on taps and make judgements. If you are there, they may feel hindered in their explorations and not fully see what the property has to offer.

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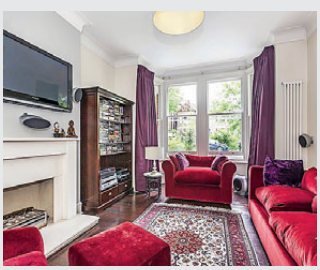

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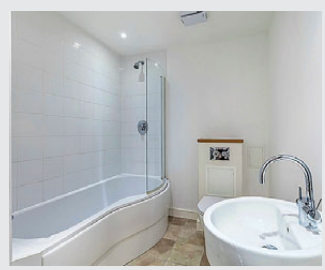

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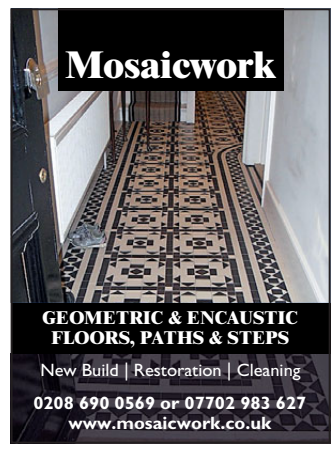

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